



Natural Landscaping:

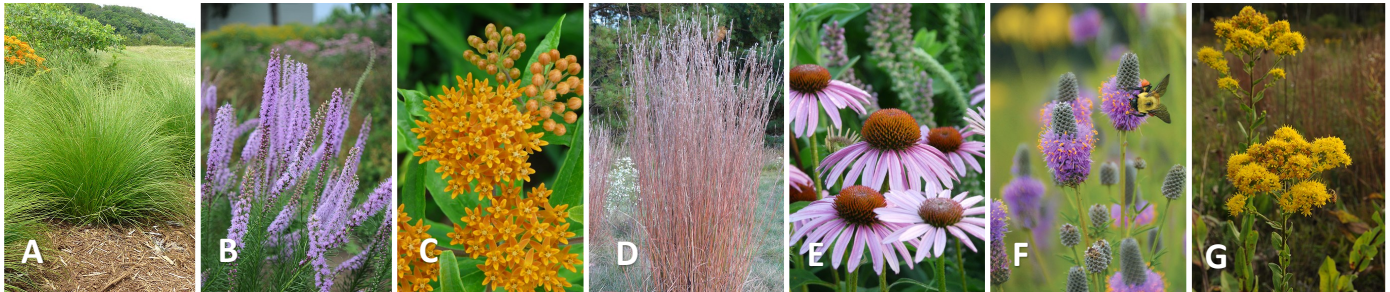
Four Native Garden Types

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Prairie Garden

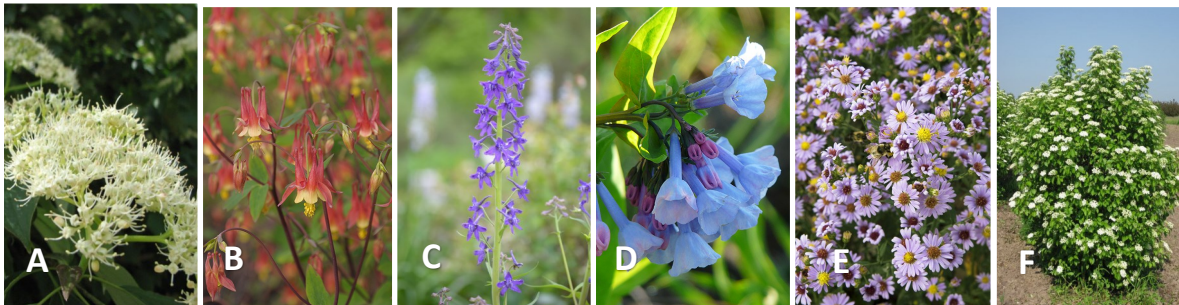
Intended for sunny to partially sunny locations. Plants should be placed in clusters, with several individuals planted together. Note both native grasses and flowers are present. Full to partial sun.



- A. Prairie Dropseed '*Sporobolus heterolepis*'
- B. Prairie Blazing Star '*Liatris pycnostachya*'
- C. Butterflyweed '*Asclepias tuberosa*'
- D. Little Bluestem '*Schizachyrium scoparium*'
- E. Purple Coneflower '*Echinacea purpurea*'
- F. Purple Prairie Clover '*Petalostemum purpureum*'
- G. Stiff Goldenrod '*Solidago rigida*'

Part Shade Garden

Native species suitable for growing in partial shade, potentially to the east or north side of a home. Shrubs provide cover for wildlife. Note that taller plants should be located towards back with shortest towards front of planted area. Partial sun to shade.



- A. Pagoda Dogwood '*Cornus alternifolia*'
- B. Columbine '*Aquilegia canadensis*'
- C. Larkspur '*Delphinium tricorne*'
- D. Virginia Bluebells '*Mertensia virginica*'
- E. Smooth Aster '*Aster laevis*'
- F. Arrowwood Viburnum '*Viburnum dentatum*'

Woodland Garden

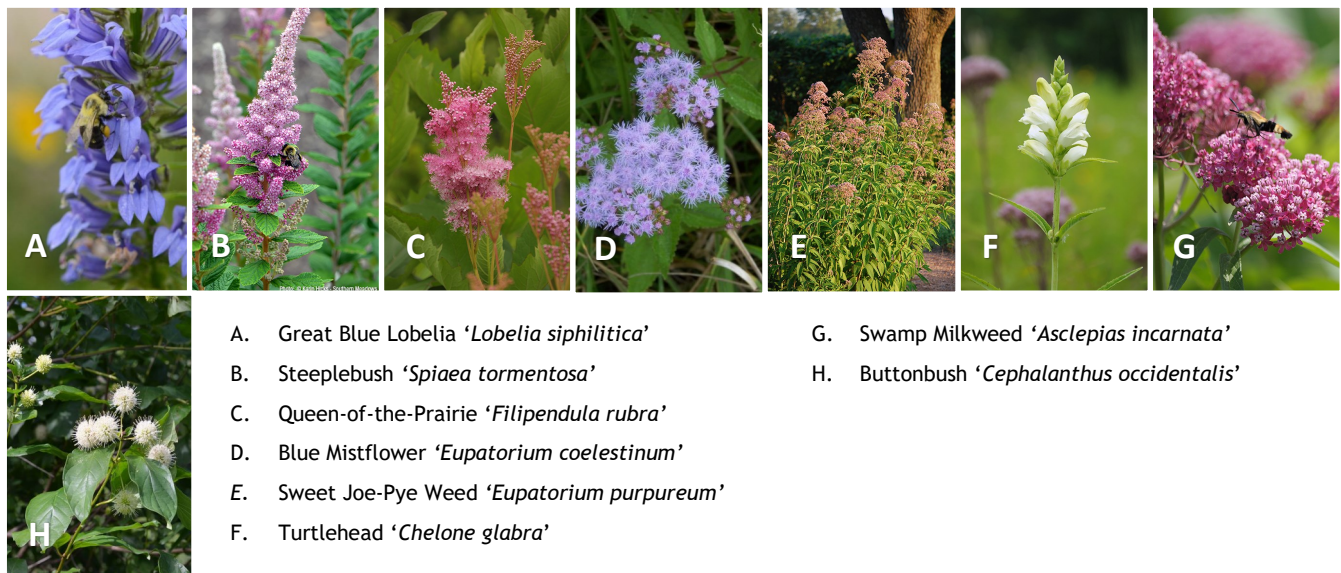
Appropriate for backyards dominated by shade from existing large trees, as these plants can survive under tree canopies. This plant assortment includes a variety of bloom colors, and blooms will be present from spring through summer. Partial shade to full shade.



- A. Blue Phlox '*Phlox divaricata*'
- B. Columbine '*Aquilegia canadensis*'
- C. Ostrich Fern '*Matteuccia struthiopteris*'
- D. Celandine Poppy '*Stylophorum diphyllum*'
- E. Coralberry '*Symphoricarpos orbiculatus*'
- F. Maidenhair Fern '*Adiantum pedatum*'

Wet Site Garden

Suitable for moist or wet sites in Bloomington backyards, these sites may be located in a low area of the yard or an area with poorly drained soils. Hummingbirds will be attracted to this garden throughout the summer for nectar. Full sun to partial shade.



- A. Great Blue Lobelia '*Lobelia siphilitica*'
- B. Steeplebush '*Spirea tormentosa*'
- C. Queen-of-the-Prairie '*Filipendula rubra*'
- D. Blue Mistflower '*Eupatorium coelestinum*'
- E. Sweet Joe-Pye Weed '*Eupatorium purpureum*'
- F. Turtlehead '*Chelone glabra*'
- G. Swamp Milkweed '*Asclepias incarnata*'
- H. Buttonbush '*Cephalanthus occidentalis*'

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Additional Notes:

Further information on each individual plant and their ideal planting conditions, such as soil, sun, wildlife value, and bloom time, can be found on the City of Bloomington's Environmental Commission's Native Plant Info Sheet. Found at <https://bloomington.in.gov/boards/>